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(54) Method and apparatus for ordering a part

(57) A method of ordering a part for a peripheral includes sensing a peripheral condition and a peripheral indicia at a computer and launching a communications browser to access a server at an address defined by the peripheral condition and the peripheral indicia, the server providing the browser with a purchase order screen.

The peripheral condition is a code indicative of a consumable reaching a threshold. The method also includes displaying the purchase order screen with the part filled out based on the peripheral condition, and sending purchase order data to the server after one of the user manually enters personal data and the computer automatically enters the personal data.

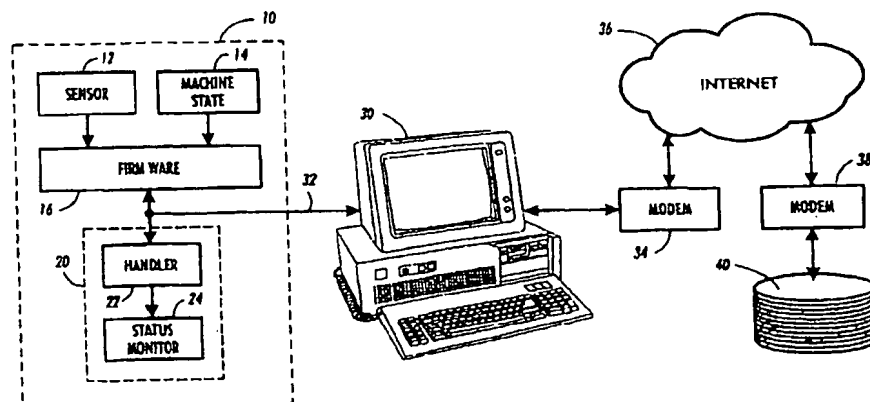


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